

box. They shall deliver all the ballot-boxes so sealed as aforesaid to the clerks of the circuit court for their respective counties, or to the board of police commissioners of Baltimore city, as the case may be, who shall put them in a secure place to which the public shall in no case have access, and shall safely keep them for the space of six months from the day of such delivery, at which time, unless previously notified to produce the same to be used in evidence in some contested election or judicial or legislative investigation then pending, said board of supervisors shall destroy or cause to be destroyed said ballots and poll-books, also all of the said tallies and statements or returns, and shall record in the same book a certificate of the fact.

Where the boxes have been kept as required, the ballots may be examined by the court in case of a contest. *Leonard v. Woolford*, 91 Md. 627.

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1904, art. 33, sec. 77. 1896, ch. 202, sec. 72. 1906, ch. 544, sec. 77.

79. It shall be the duty of the said county commissioners, clerks of court, mayor, register of wills and supervisors of elections, respectively, to keep safely, under lock and key, the said original statements or returns and tally-sheets until the board of canvassers for the county or city, as the case may be, shall have assembled and been organized according to law, as hereinafter provided; whereupon the clerks of court, county commissioners, mayor, register of wills and supervisors of elections shall immediately deliver or transmit to such board of canvassers the said statements or returns and tally-sheets in the sealed envelopes.

Ibid. sec. 78. 1896, ch. 202, sec. 73.

80. The supervisors of elections shall constitute a board of canvassers for their county or city, as the case may be.

Ibid. sec. 79. 1896, ch. 202, sec. 74.

81. On the Thursday next following every election between the hours of 12 o'clock noon and 1 o'clock in the afternoon, the board of county canvassers shall meet at the usual place for holding the circuit court for the county, and the board of canvassers for Baltimore city shall meet at the usual place for holding the superior court, and shall, respectively, elect a chairman and secretary from their number. Each member of the board shall take an oath, which shall be administered and recorded by the clerk of the said court, to truly canvass, add up and declare the votes as required by law. At their first meeting a majority of the whole board shall be a quorum. If a majority shall not attend on the Thursday aforesaid, the canvassers present shall adjourn to the next day, when they shall meet again between the same hours, and the canvassers then attending, although less than a majority of the whole number, shall organize themselves as a board, and shall perform the duties required by law, and all questions arising in the course of their proceed-